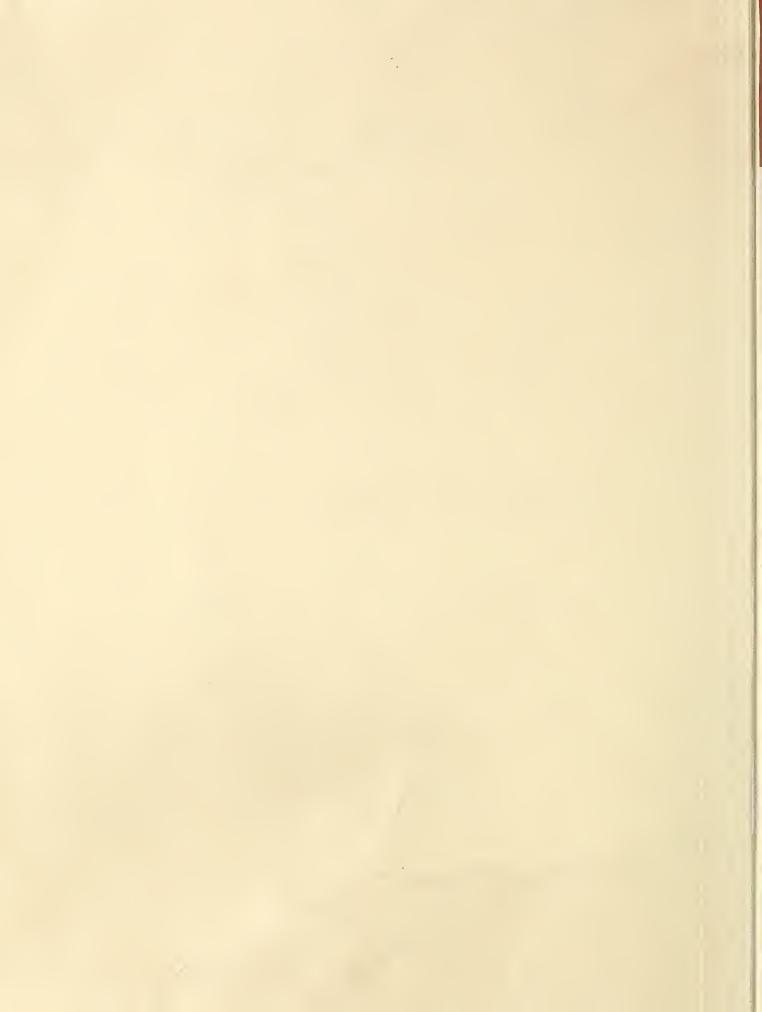
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- The American Dietetic Association, 216 West Jackson Blvd., Suite 800, Chicago, IL 60606-6995. (312) 899-4854. Web site: http://www.eatright.org/
- Calorie Control Council, 5775 Peachtree-Dunwoody Road, Suite 500-G, Atlanta, GA 30342. (404) 252-3663.

- Center for Child and Adolescent Obesity, Dept. of Family and Community Medicine, University of California, MU3 East, Box 0, San Franciso, CA 94143-0900. (415) 476-4138.
- Cooperative Extension, Iowa State University, 103 Morrill, Ames, IA 50011. (515) 294-3178. Wed site: http://www.exnet.iastate.edu/Pages/pubs/Food.html
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- Weight-Control Information Network, 1 WIN Way, Bethesda, MD 20892-3665. (301) 570-2177 or (800) 946-8098. Web site: http://www.niddk.nih.gov E-mail: win@matthewsgroup.com

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